

LAW SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Muzrai Department for the year ending with 30th June 1948.

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Letter No. N1. Per. 1—4849, dated 20th December 1948, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the report on the administration of the Muzrai Department for the year 1947-48.

ORDER THEREON No. R. 1857-70—MUZ. 130-48-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 13TH SEPTEMBER 1949.

Recorded.

2. *Rajakaryaprasakta* Sri S. Narayana Rao, M.A. (Hons.), continued as *ex-officio* Muzrai Commissioner throughout the year under report.

3. *Demand, Collection and Balance in respect of the properties belonging to mutts, temples and other institutions under Government management.*—The total demand including the arrears of previous years, (*viz.*, Rs. 1,62,410-15-8) in respect of these properties amounted to Rs. 5,16,008-9-7 out of which a sum of Rs. 3,27,869-8-2 including remissions but apart from the collections in kind (paddy and areca) was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 1,88,139-1-5. There are still heavy arrears in Bangalore, Tumkur and Shimoga Districts. It is unsatisfactory that the time-barred arrears in Bangalore District are allowed to accumulate to Rs. 11,290-14-3. Government trust that necessary action will be taken to reduce the heavy arrears considerably during the current year and not to give room for time-barred arrears.

4. *Muzrai Funds.*—The opening balance, receipts expenditure and closing balance of the several muzrai funds during the year are shown below:—

Sl. No.	Fund	Opening balance	Receipts	Total	Expenditure	Closing balance
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1	General Muzrai Fund	37,996 6 11	24,218 5 6	62,214 12 5	54,225 0 0	7,988 12 5
2	Chattram Savings Fund	89,200 3 4	68,555 7 0	1,57,755 10 4	89,713 3 8	68,043 7 1
3	Muzrai Establishment Fund	47,559 13 11	45,410 3 4	92,970 1 3	72,590 4 0	20,079 13 3

Note.—(a) Expenditure under (1) includes a sum of Rs. 15,000 being the amount provided for reinvestment of the recoveries of loans.
(b) Increase of expenditure under (2) is due to the purchase of 3 per cent Government of India Loan Bond (Rs. 20,000) and payment towards certain additional and special items of expenditure (Rs. 9,022).
(c) Excess expenditure under (3) is mainly due to investment of Rs. 20,000 in Government of India 3 per cent 1946 Conversion Bonds and revision of scales of pay of employees of Muzrai Department.

5. *Income and Expenditure of Muzrai Institutions.*—The receipts and expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 13,83,607-8-4 (Rs. 12,31,211-8-4) and Rs. 10,99,149-2-4 (Rs. 9,55,586 7-7), respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 28,32,729-7-8 (Rs. 25,48,271-1-8) at the credit of the institutions at the end of the year. The increase in expenditure was mainly due to sanction of excess expenditure incurred for Hetchukate and Nityakate charges on account of high prices of essential articles and also due to increased payments to the temple servants. However the expenditure was generally within the income.

The expenditure relating to Sri Narayanaswami and other temples at Melkote have to be regulated with reference to the income and the delay in the revision of scales of these institutions is unsatisfactory.

6. *Puduvat Loans.*—At the beginning of the year there were 1,170 cases of puduvat loans involving Rs. 90,611-10-10 in the several districts. A sum of Rs. 524-0-5 in respect of two cases was added on to the account during the year making a total of Rs. 91,135-11-3. Out of this a sum of Rs. 1,778-4-1 was collected during the year including remissions leaving a balance of Rs. 89,357-7-2 in respect of 1,168 cases at the end of the year. No collections were made in Bangalore and Mysore Districts and the collections made were very poor in the remaining districts. The arrears in Chikmagalur, Hassan and Mysore Districts continue to be heavy. Government are constrained to observe that sufficient attention has not been bestowed by the concerned officers in this behalf in spite of the repeated instructions. It is desirable that the Deputy Commissioners pay particular attention to this matter to issue suitable instructions and to watch the progress periodically till considerable progress is achieved.

7. *Constructions and Repairs of Muzrai Institutions.*—A sum of Rs. 1,02,464-15-5 was spent during the year on 171 old and new works. At the close of the year 495 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 4,43,602-1-10 were pending. The delay in the completion of most of the works is explained to be due to high prices of building materials resulting in the revision of estimates and the execution of works through fresh contractors.

The work of renovation of Belur and Halebid Temples was progressing satisfactorily under the supervision of the Public Works Department. Government sanctioned a grant of Rs. 8,000 in the State Budget under 24 Miscellaneous Civil Works for continuing the works of renovation.

The total amount spent on these works so far is Rs. 1,83,758-6-0 including the outlay of Rs. 7,030-3-5 during the year 1947-48.

Grants to the extent of Rs. 30,988 were sanctioned from the State and General Muzrai Funds for the construction and repairs of Muzrai Institutions during the year. Government observe that the progress of these works is inadequate and

desire that the completion of the pending works should be expedited.

8. *Inspections.*—The Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore and Shimoga Districts inspected 50 and 17 Muzrai Institutions, respectively, during the year whereas the Deputy Commissioners of other districts inspected less than 10 institutions. The inspection work of these Deputy Commissioners requires improvement.

9. *General.*—The work of conservation of Sri Gomateswaraswami idol is being pursued by the Committee appointed for the purpose. Experiments are being conducted by the Director of Geology, for filling up the fine cracks on the idol, as suggested by the Archaeological Chemist to the Government of India and Sri S. G. Sastry, retired Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore.

The Gumbuz Gardens were handed over to the Horticultural Department from 1st January 1948 (*vide* Government Order No. A.F. 2980-86—95-46-5, dated 14th November 1947).

The Mysore Temple Entry Authorisation Act of 1948 was passed during the year, with a view to enable the excluded classes to get access to the Hindu Temples for worship, etc.

B. S. PUTTASWAMY,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

Places Sri C. Ramaswamy, B.A., Assistant Commissioner, on Special Duty to be in charge of arrangements connected with the Session of the Representative Assembly commencing at Mysore on 24th October 1949.

ORDER NO. R.L. 479-88—R.A. 21-49-1, DATED BANGALORE, THE 8TH OCTOBER 1949.

Sri C. Ramaswamy, B.A., Assistant Commissioner, is placed on Special Duty in charge of the arrangements in connection with the Session of the Representative Assembly commencing at Mysore, from Monday the 24th October 1949.

2. Members of the Representative Assembly are requested to place themselves in communication with Sri C. Ramaswamy for any information or assistance that may be required by them at Mysore during the Session of the Assembly.

3. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, the Commissioner, City Municipality, Mysore, the General Manager, Mysore State Railway, and the Executive Engineer, Headquarters Range, Mysore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the Officer on Special Duty.

B. S. PUTTASWAMY,
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Secretary to Government,
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